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Labour

Acquisition of a site in Aayalam village in Wallajah taluk for Adi-Dravidas.

* 1472 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to enquire and state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the District Labour Officer, North Arcot, sought to acquire for the extension of the village-site for the Adi-Dravidas of Aayalam village in Wallajah taluk, the only plot granted as maintenance to a helpless widow;

(b) whether it is a fact that the attention of the Labour Officer was drawn to the circumstance that the acquisition would deprive her of her only means of living;

(c) whether the District Labour Officer brushed aside the objections;

(d) whether there are not other suitable lands in the vicinity which are better fitted for extension of village-site; and

(e) what action Government propose to take in the matter?

A.—(a) & (b) Yes.

(c), (d) & (e) It has been decided to withdraw from the acquisition of the land in question.

Acquisition of house-sites by the depressed classes of Semmengudi village.

* 1473 Q.—Mr. V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether he is aware of the petition, dated 13th October 1928, from Muthukannu and three others of Shiyali taluk, Semmengudi village, Vilvarayanatham East, to the Commissioner of Labour for confirming the possession of the house-sites they were occupying for more than three generations and of the reply from the Collector of Tanjore bearing D. Dis. No. 15480-28-B.-C.-D, dated 10th November 1928; and

(b) whether the Government are aware that a sum of Rs. 42 was collected from the four applicants on 28th August 1928 and why the Collector of Tanjore now passes an order prohibiting the acquisition of the said land?

A.—A report in the matter has been called for.

Action taken on the recommendations of the Unemployment Committee.

* 1474 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: With reference to the answer to my question No. 728 answered on 27th November 1928, will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether any and, if so, what final decisions have been arrived at regarding the recommendations of the Unemployment Committee?

A.—Final decisions have not yet been arrived at on the recommendations of the Unemployment Committee.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"May I know for how long this has been under the consideration of Government?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"Most of the recommendations relate to the Departments of Agriculture and Education, and they are being considered by those departments."